**Project sanctioned for development of landmines**

†3240. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had sanctioned four projects, between 1984 and 1992, for construction and development of landmines;

(b) if so, the details of the progress made so far in these projects; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide these mines, having the capability of 20 kilometer range, to Indian Navy?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir, Government did not sanction any project of development and production of landmines between 1984 and 1992.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In the year 1984, a project for swimout mines for Navy for activation range of 20 km. was sanctioned. However, the developed mine was able to achieve 14 km. range of activation.

**Making India self-reliant in defence spares**

3241. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by India in indigenously manufacturing spares for defence equipments;

(b) what is the percentage of indigenous supplies both from Government and private sectors compared to the percentage of components imported; and

(c) the details of efforts being made to maximize the supply of spares and equipment from within the country itself?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) Indigenisation of defence equipment is an ongoing process and it achieved by transfer of technology and indigenous research. Indigenisation of spares of defence equipment has been undertaken in aircraft, warships, armaments, tanks, vehicles and electronic as well as engineering equipment. While the Ordnance Factories and Defence Public Sector Units are manufacturing a wide range of products for the Defence Forces, the private sector has been involved in the supply of raw materials, semi-finished products, parts and components of defence

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equipment. The combined value of the products of Ordnance Factories and Defence PSUs during 2000-2001 has been approximately Rs.14000 crores as against approximately Rs.1800 crores on import of stores (which excludes capital equipment) comprising components, spares, overhaul etc. Government have recently allowed private sector participation in the defence industry upto 100% and also with Foreign Direct Investment permissible upto 26% both subject to licensing for manufacture of all types of defence equipment within the country. This will add to the investment already in the public sector.

**Foreign Direct Investment in Defence Sector**

3242. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of the recent opening of defence sector for Foreign Direct Investment;

(b) whether Government has received any proposals in this sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of proposals cleared so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The Defence Industry Sector has been recently opened for participation by Indian Private sector upto 100% of equity, with Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), component of it being permissible upto 26% both being subject to licensing permission. It is too early to assess the impact.

Licences will be granted by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry in consultation with the Ministry of Defence. No proposal with Foreign Direct Investment has been received as yet.

**Advertisement for various posts in DRDO**

3243. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an advertisement (No. 58) for various posts in the Defence Research and Development Organisation was issued on 19.2.2001 and interview was held in September, 2001;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the persons who cleared the interview for Electrical Engineering were not absorbed, but, another advertisement (No. 59) was issued in October, 2001 for almost identical posts; and